

October 2003

Attendees and Area Announcements listed after minutes.

HQE IP Positions, Update

Progress on filling on the HQE IP Program Manager position was halted by the hiring freeze at HQE.

Betty Hastings started as the HQE-EMSC Coordinator October 1, 2003.

Fellowship and Training Update

- **PDF Field Course – Oct 20-24, Phoenix**

Kenny Hicks reviewed the course. The planning team has put together an outstanding agenda. Area Specialist and mentors are encouraged to contact their class members after they return from the course to see how things went.

- **New EPI Fellowship Announcement and Recruitment**

The call for applications to the next class of the EPI Fellowship was e-mailed this week and posted on the IP website. IP staff are encouraged to distribute the announcement materials and make direct contact with likely applicants.

<http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/InjuryPrevention/Callforapps04.pdf>

<http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/InjuryPrevention/2004app.pdf>

- **New Violence Course Recruitment**

Larry Berger is coordinating a new injury prevention course focusing on Violence. The course is on the EHSC calendar and scheduled to be presented April 5-9, 2004 in Albuquerque.

The course is intended for Behavioral Health and Injury Prevention staff and we hope to attract a diverse audience to the course. Your help recruiting Behavioral Health and IP staff in your Area is requested. A copy a course recruiting flier is included in these notes. Please copy and use for recruiting for the course. If you or other IP staff have not had continuation education in IP since the Fellowship, this would be a great course. Behavioral health and IP/EH staff from the same location attending the course as a team would be great, they could use the course as a basis for future collaboration.

- **Academic Review Meeting**

Oct 28-30, a series of IP training meetings will be held, including: the final Advanced IP course planning meeting, a planning session for the IP Training workshop (the IP Specialist meeting scheduled for March 15-19, 2004 in Nashville, and the annual IP course Academic Review meeting.

- **Advanced IP Course Planning**

An e-mail was sent this week to IP staff concerning the December 15-19, 2003 presentation of the Advanced IP course. Contents of the e-mail follows, your response is requested. Responses received so far indicate the week before Christmas is very difficult for recruiting. Also, the announcement for the course came out at a very busy time and many didn't pick-up on the fact that course registration was open. Recruiting materials for the course would have helped.

Today (10-15-03) was the deadline for registration with EHSC for the new Advanced IP course.

The course is scheduled to be presented the week of December 15-19 in Phoenix. At this time we are well short of the number of course applicants needed to put on the course.

I need your assistance and feedback to determine if we will be able to present the course in December. In consultation with Bobby Villines, we have extended the application deadline a week, to **October 22**. If you have prospective applicants for the course, please contact Bobby by the 22nd and have them initiate an on-line application.

Additionally I would like feed back from all of the Areas on a few questions about this course. For a variety of reasons including material preparation, course timing, location, and agency travel restrictions, we have had difficult time presenting the first edition of this course. The course will not be available to be used by Areas until we get the first edition presented.

As we face uncertainty about the December presentation of the course, I would like input from the Areas on the following questions about the Advanced IP course:

- Do you have interested applicants that can not make the Dec offering of the course? If yes, please specify why?
- Would a different date and location help participants from your area?
- When available, do you foresee presenting an Area version of the Advance IP course?
- Any additional comments or suggestions about recruitment for this course.

Thank you for your help.

New Part I & II Projects

The following is a list of the new Part I & II projects selected from the 2003 announcements. The project officer name follows the project name. Grants Management is still working on processing the awards and contacting tribal contacts. Letters to successful and unsuccessful applicants will be mailed over the next week from Grants Management.

Part I - Winslow Indian Health Care Center, Inc.

Nancy Bill, Injury Prevention Specialist

Part I - Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Casey Crump, District Sanitarian

Part I - Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

John Weaver, Injury Prevention Specialist

Part I - Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Harold Cully, Injury Prevention Specialist

Part I - Norton Sound Health Corp.

Helen Andon, Injury Prevention Specialist

Part II - Aroostook Band of Micmacs

Mickey Rathsam, District Sanitarian

Part II - Chilkoot Indian Assoc.

Part II - Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium

Helen Andon, Injury Prevention Specialist

CDC Announcement Update - David Wallace

The new CDC-NCIPC MV call for proposals closed today.

IP Program Evaluation Survey and Feedback to UNC

UNC staff are working on completing data collection for the final phase of the evaluation initiative. The deadline for Area IP Specialists to schedule interviews, and others to respond to a requested survey is

Oct 17. All Areas have now scheduled interviews but the response rate to surveys has been low. A reminder e-mails was send out this week. Additional surveys have been received by UNC, but more responses are needed. Please take a few minutes to complete and submit the surveys. The final evaluation report is scheduled to be presented to IHS management the first week of March 2004 and to IP staff in mid March. The data collection needs to be completed this fall to meet these target dates.

IP Program Selected for PART Assessment

The IHS Injury Prevention program was recently identified as the second program in IHS to undergo a PART assessment. Background on PART is provided below along with links to informational web sites.

The assessment is an important opportunity for the Injury Prevention program. The president's Office of Management and Budget conducts the PART to determine the effectiveness of federal programs. PART results in a numerical score on a 100 point scale. A successful PART rating can correlate to increased program funding and interest in the presidents budget proposals.

Last year, the Sanitation Facilities Construction program was the first IHS program to undergo a PART assessment. They received a good score, in the high 80's. One of the major recommendations was to have an external evaluation of their program. With the UNC evaluation scheduled for completion this spring, the IP program is ahead on that issue and will have a rich source of data for the PART.

HQE staff is expecting to spend a significant amount of time on the PART assessment starting in late spring 2004. Staff outside HQE should not have much involvement in the process other than possibly providing documentation. An initial planning meeting for the IP PART assessment will be held next month.

Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)

The White House's Office of Management and Budget, with advice from agencies and experts in the field of performance measurement, developed the program assessment rating tool (PART). The PART is a diagnostic tool that examines different aspects of program performance to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a given program. It consists of questions designed to provide a systematic, transparent, and robust way of assessing program effectiveness so as to make more informed managerial and budget recommendations.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part/>

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/mgmt-gpra/bpm852_add1_att-b.pdf

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/mgmt-gpra/direct_federal_programs.pdf

EMSC Update

Betty Hastings has had a busy first month with IHS. She is in Wisconsin this week attending a regional EMS-C meeting. She attended a national EMS-C stake holders meeting her first week on duty in DC. Lenora Olson was at the stake holders meeting. Lenora works for the contract organization that provides data support to EMS-C funded organizations. We are planning to hold a teleconference with the data center in Nov to get a better idea what services IHS can expect to receive from the data center. Betty will attend the Native American EMS Association Conference in Las Vegas in November. She also has orientation sessions scheduled with IHS EMS staff and HRSA EMS-C staff. Program information about EMS-C is available at: <http://www.ems-c.org/>.

Annual NHTSA Report

Ryan has received heard from all Area's. Thank you. He is working on a draft of the report.

Next Call

Next call will be held **November 20, 2003** at 2:00 pm Eastern time. Conference call numbers are the same for each call:

Phone Number: **888-323-7711**

Pass Code: **85538**

Leader: **Alan Dellapenna**

New!

IHS Intentional Injuries/Violence Prevention Course

Dates and Location: **April 5-9, 2004** **Albuquerque, NM**

This course will focus on practical applications of existing knowledge to prevent intentional injuries in American Indian/Alaska Native communities. In addition to an overview of intentional violence, the primary topics this year (2004) will be intimate partner violence and suicide. There will be a combination of lectures, class exercises, small group work, and presentations by tribal and IHS staff who have conducted prevention projects in their communities.

Who should attend: Because of the multi-disciplinary nature of intentional violence prevention, we encourage enrollment by individuals from tribal and IHS programs in environmental health/injury prevention, behavioral health, social work, nursing, medicine, and education.

Course Length: 4 ½ days (Monday 8 am to Friday 12 noon)

Learning objectives:

For intentional injuries overall, participants will be able to:

1. Define key terms;
2. Describe various models of prevention;
3. **Identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership.**
4. **Outline the potential roles of individuals, tribal agencies, and IHS personnel in prevention.**

For each of the two targeted intentional injuries (intimate partner violence and suicide), participants will be able to:

1. Describe effective and ineffective intervention strategies and best practices for prevention;
2. Discuss the importance of firearms and alcohol/substance abuse as risk factors;
3. Locate resources for prevention, including curricula, technical assistance, and opportunities for program funding.

You must register by February 15, 2004. Limit: 20 participants.

If you have questions, please e-mail Dr. Larry Berger at bergerlaw@msn.com.

To register:

- a. Go to www.opheng.ihs.gov
- b. On the left side of the screen, click on "Training"
- c. On the left side-bar, click on "Registration Form"
- d. Fill in the one-page form. For course, select "Intentional violence prevention"
- e. Submit the request.

Participants and Area Announcements

Aberdeen: John Weaver. Dave Mosier was selected as the new DEHS Director. He starts in late Dec.

Albuquerque: Jerry Lee. Larry Berger. Jerry had a great time at the Intro to IP course held in Tucson this month.

Anchorage: Helen Andon, Ryan Hill. The Anchorage Area Intermediate IP course was a big hit. 21 completed the course. Robert Newsad, Tom Fazzini, and Mark Mattson served as instructors along with Helen and Ryan.

Bemidji: Jennifer. Diana, Casey, and Chris are at the regional EMSC conf in Wisconsin. Sherry King was selected as the Assistant DEHS Director. She starts next week.

Billings: John Sery.

California: Scheduling conflict, Robert could not make the call.

Nashville: Mickey Rathsam. The Tribal Steering Committee supported a proposal by Nashville Area TSC member Eldon Esplin to visit the tribes in Nashville Area. Mickey and Eldon will make visits to tribal leaders to promote the IP program, network, explain the role of the TSC, and discuss IP activities and projects. This is a strong commitment from Eldon and Mickey and a strong effort to jump start IP efforts in parts of the Area.

Navajo: Not on the call.

Oklahoma: Harold Cully. Oklahoma held a Intro to IP Course last week with the state Health Department. 35 participants were at the course, half tribal and half state and local health staff. It was a great training, networking, and partnership building opportunity.

Phoenix: Kenny Hicks. Holly requests feed back from anyone using the SNAP course materials distributed last month (see last month's conference call notes for details). Kenny offered distribution advice for Area's that have received the SNAP materials, Phoenix Area is providing 2 copies to each IHS and tribal EH program and the Part I tribal programs. Information on the SNAP training is also available on the IP web site: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/InjuryPrevention/index.cfm?module=snap>

Portland: Not on the call.

Tucson: Don Williams. The Introduction to IP course held in Tucson was a big success. 28 participants attended. Don had a big turnout from district representatives for the TO tribe

Environmental Health Support Center: Not on the call.

CDC, NCIPC: Not on the call.

Rockville: Alan Dellapenna, Kelly Taylor